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25X1 1. [] to ask if we could obtain from Mr. [] a list of the 30 persons [] claims to have contacted in Russia. OSI has a partial list of these contacts but would like to make up a dossier on the complete group.

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4. Talked with Roland Severy (Bureau of the Budget) concerning our proposed letter to Senator J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.) on the Foreign Service Reserve Officer provision. Severy was asked how we might obtain Bureau of the Budget clearance on a letter from the Agency which would state that the Bureau had no objection to our attempt to insert the Foreign Service Reserve Officer provision in the Foreign Aid bill. Severy suggested that we bring our letter to him containing this statement and he will then clear it in a matter of minutes with Sam Hughes. We plan to do this tomorrow.

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25X1A 5. Talked with [] again concerning our appearance on Friday, 15 May, before the House Science and Astronautics Committee. [] said the Chairman, Representative Overton Brooks (D., La.), has decided to deemphasize the hoax aspect of the hearings and concentrate on the technology involved in the Soviet moon shot and the tracking techniques. He said the Committee is interested in one of the themes of Mallan's article to the effect that the Soviets are technologically backward. We discussed the possibility of our getting together prior to Dr. Scoville's appearance on Friday. We shall probably meet with him tomorrow.